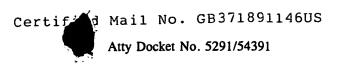
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For:

NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT SHELF ASSEMBLY WITH MULTI-POSITIONABLE CUSTOMER INTERFACE MODULE

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

| | I | hereby | declare | that: | I | am |
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| (|) | the owner o | of the sma | ll business | concern | identified | below |
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an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below: (X)

NAME OF CONCERN:

Troncom Corporation

ADDRESS OF CONCERN:

940 Kingsland Drive, Batavia, Illinois 60510

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal years, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled:

NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT SHELF ASSEMBLY WITH MULTI-POSITIONABLE CUSTOMER INTERFACE MODULE

| (X) the specification filed herewith. () application serial no, filed () patent no, issued If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization | |
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| to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than that inventor, who coul as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern u 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each na concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27) | nder 37 CFR |
| NAME | |
| ADDRESS | |
| () INDIVIDUAL () SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN () NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION | |

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

| NAME OF | PERSON | SIGNING: |
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TITLE OF PERSON OTHER THAN OWNER:

VICE PRESIDENTSA

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640 Kingsland Drive, Batavia, Illinois 60510

DATE: Sept. 12 1997

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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 5291/54391

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

I, the below named inventor, hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my respective name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "NETWORK INTERFACE UNIT SHELF ASSEMBLY WITH MULTI-POSITIONABLE CUSTOMER INTERFACE MODULE", the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America for more than one year prior to this application; that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me by my legal representatives or assigns more than six months prior to this application; that we acknowledge a duty to disclose information that we are aware of which is material to the examination of this application; that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; and that no foreign filing has been made which is contrary to 35 U.S.C. Section 184.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment thereto.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States applications listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing of this application:

| None | | | None | | | None | |
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And I hereby appoint: Timothy T. Patula, Reg. No. 30,791; Charles T. Riggs, Jr., Reg. No. 37,430; and Matthew E. Leno, Reg. No. 41,149, of Patula and Associates, as my attorney, respectively with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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